

Police kill two kidnappers, rescue victim

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POLICE operatives and local hunters in Osun State yesterday killed two suspected kidnappers and rescued their victim.

The armed kidnappers numbering nine, were said to have stormed Agbese village near Idi Araba, Oke Oba, in Iwo West Local Council Development Area (LCDA) and abducted a cattle merchant identified simply as Alhaji Adamu.

It was gathered that they fired sporadic gunshots into the air to scare people off before whisking their victim away.

The kidnappers, it was gathered, moved their victim into the forest but were soon confronted by security forces after villagers notified local hunters who contacted the police.

"The police and local hunters embarked on a rescue operation. They combed the forest and sighted the abductors and their captive. The security operatives engaged them in gun battle, during the cross exchange of fire, two of the abductors were killed while others escaped with gunshots injury.

"The victim was rescued and he was taken to a hospital in Iwo town. The killed abductors were evacuated to the Police station at Iwo," said a source.

The spokesperson of Osun State Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident, assuring that criminals would not be allowed to operate freely in the state.